Most of the States have State level Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Development Corporations which also extend assistance to SC|ST entrepreneurs with margin money loans upto a maximum of Rs. 6,00,000/-. The entrepreneures get the Bank finance with the help of the margin money.

The National Backward Classes Finance Corporation is also registered with a share capital of Rs. 200 crores and formalities for commissioning the Corporation to advance loans, etc. is under the active consideration of the Government.

Humane approach to drugs addicts

1783. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are shifting their approach from considering drug addicts as criminals and intimidating them with fear of the law than to a more human approach; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the details of the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Ministry of Welfare believes that drug abuse is a disease which can be cured by helping the addict to recover through a well rounded approach of counselling, deaddication, rehabilitation and social reintegration.

(b) Voluntary organisations are being funded for providing counselling, deaddiction and rehabilitation to the drug addicts. In addition funds for awareness building programmes are also made available. The basic thrust is that by following a community based approach and by treating the addict in the entirely of his life situation, he is helped to return to society with the required sobriety as a productive and wholesome citizen.

The House then adjourned at sixteen minutes past eleven of the clock till eleven of the clock on Monday, the 27th July, 1992.